

CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service..... Auditorium
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Equipping Hour..... Classrooms
• Exodus taught by T. Kistemaker, C. Davis, S.Gurley, P. RudnickeRm 110
• Faith, Work and Calling taught by J. Wilkerson & R. Alexander.....Library
• "War of Words" video series w/ P. Beilman, S. GilesAuditorium
11:15 - 12:30 p.m. Worship ServiceAuditorium
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship ServiceAuditorium

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible StudyRoom 110
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Men’s Accountability Group Youth Room

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

6:30 - 9:30 a.m. Open Prayer Meeting (AM Services)..... Room 110
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. MidWeek Dinner (Grilled Chicken, Potatoes & Broccoli)....Cafeteria
5:30 - 6:20 p.m. Choirs (Praise Kids, Heavenbound & Youth Choir)
6:20 - 7:30 p.m. MidWeek Gathering Classes & Activities (& Shiloh)

Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Open Prayer Meeting (PM Service)..... 1040 Miller Street

FINANCIAL UPDATE - FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010

General

Fiscal Year Contributions (4-01-09 to 2-21-10) \$1,198,594
Fiscal Year Expenses (4-01-09 to 2-21-10)\$ 1,180,633

Missions

Fiscal Year Contributions (4-01-09 to 2-21-10)\$ 83,442
Fiscal Year Short Term Missions Income (4-01-09 to 2-21-10)\$ 95,966
Fiscal Year Expenses (4-01-09 to 2-21-10)\$ 208,064

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Fiscal Year Contributions (4-01-09 to 2-21-10)\$ 40,556
Fiscal Year Expenses (4-01-09 to 2-28-10)\$ 43,415

MARCH GREETERS & USHERS

8:30 Service: K, L, C, & Q Elkins, J Williams, and J & C Winsor

11:15 Service: S Petro, L McMillian, M & L Wu, D Pessoa, C Himes,
R Myer, M Henderson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2010 ~ 8:30 and 11:15

*Welcome Newcomers!
If you need assistance of any kind,
please come to the lobby and ask a greeter for help.
Nurseries available for children 4 & younger.*

GATHERING

O For Thousand Tongues To Sing
Call to Worship - Psalm 146
Here Is Our King
In Christ Alone

CONFESSION

Confession - Romans 8
O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
11:15 **Baptism - Eden Elise Altman (Kevin & Sherri)**
The Barocha
Announcements
Pastoral Prayer
Sermon

CONFESSION

Offering
Hem Of Your Robe - Shiloh
New Song We Sing
Benediction

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Because this is true Redeemer church, what do you believe God will do for those He loves?

People: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

SERMON TEXT - Galatians 2:15-3:9

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify [5] the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

“There is a righteousness which Paul calls “the righteousness of faith.” God [gives] it to us apart from our works — in other words, it is passive righteousness... this righteousness comes by doing nothing, hearing nothing, knowing nothing, but rather in knowing and believing this only — that Christ has gone to the right hand of the Father, not to become our judge, but to become for us our wisdom, our righteousness, our holiness, our salvation! Now God sees no sin in us, for in this heavenly righteousness sin has no place. So now we may certainly think, “Although I still sin, I don’t despair, because Christ lives, who is both my righteousness and my eternal life.” In that righteousness I have no sin, no fear, no guilty conscience, no fear of death.

Anyone who does not understand this righteousness or cherish it in the heart and conscience will continually be buffeted by fears and depression. Nothing gives peace like this passive righteousness. The troubled conscience has no cure for its desperation and feeling of unworthiness unless it takes hold of the forgiveness of sins by grace, offered free of charge in Jesus Christ, which is this passive or Christian righteousness.”

- Martin Luther, Introduction to Galatians

This (justification) is the truth of the gospel. It is also a principal article of all Christian doctrine, wherein the knowledge of all godliness consists. Most necessary it is, therefore, that we should know this article well, teach it unto other, and beat it into their (our) heads continually..If the article of justification be lost, then is all true Christian doctrine lost.

1. This is a huge narrative that finds its way into the New Testament and functions as a larger illustration of redemption. This brings up an interesting point concerning the way we read

CONFESSIOIN - from Romans 8

Leader: Followers of Jesus, what do you believe?

People: God is sovereign. All things work for the good for those who love him and are called by him. God knew us, Predestined us to be like Jesus, Called us out of darkness, Justified us, Is glorifying us.

Leader: What is your response to this?

People: If God is for us, who can be against us? He gave Jesus for us, how can he not graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?

People: No one - Only God can justify!

Leader: Who can condemn you?

People: Jesus Christ, who died, was raised to life, is at the right hand of God, is interceding for us. No one can condemn us!

Leader: Who shall separate you from the love of Christ?

People: Not trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or war. We are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: We are convinced that: Neither death nor life, Neither angels nor demons, Neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, Neither height nor depth, Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ our Lord.

TABLE TALK - Galatians 2:15-3:9

1. Paul has finished his “truth story” and now heads into theology. He begins by introducing us to the ‘heart of the Gospel’, justification. Try to understand how he is talking to the Galatians. The relationship between justification and works of the law are contrasted several times. Fill out the meaning of ‘works of the law’ in your context. Can you also give a meaning to ‘justification’.
2. There seems to be a lot of dying in this passage. What is that about? Discuss that concept and give examples of it in your own life. In verse 20 there is a little Greek word that is a preposition. Here it seems to mean “into”. Can you work on the concept of being “crucified ‘into’ Christ”.
3. In 3:1 he launches into another argument against the false teaching they have received. Why is the vision of Christ Crucified so important to the health of the Galatian’s faith? Or ours? How does that push against going back to the flesh?
4. In the last illustration we are back in familiar territory with Abraham. Can you show how this applies here? How is Abraham a model for our faith and how we understand our connection with God?

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- Martin Luther, Commentary to Galatians, p. 101